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## **MAYOR BALLARD ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO ADMINISTRATION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

***CHRIS COTTERILL SUCCEEDS PAUL OKESON AS CHIEF OF STAFF; SAMANTHA KARN SUCCEEDS  
COTTERILL AS CORPORATION COUNSEL; MAYOR NOMINATES ANNE LATHROP TO SUCCEED BOB  
GRAND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD***

INDIANAPOLIS - Mayor Greg Ballard today announced changes in his administration and Capital Improvement Board.

Chief of Staff Paul Okeson is returning to the private sector and has accepted a mayoral appointment to the Capital Improvement Board. The Mayor has appointed Corporation Counsel Chris Cotterill to serve as Chief of Staff.

"The taxpayers of Indianapolis are very fortunate that Paul Okeson served for the past two years as my chief of staff," said Mayor Ballard. "Paul's leadership has been crucial as we've lowered taxes, lowered crime, and worked to make Indianapolis a more livable city. Paul was instrumental to the City's bid to host the Super Bowl in 2012 so I am especially pleased that Paul will continue his service to our City by assisting with the CIB."

"I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity Mayor Ballard gave me to serve the citizens of Indianapolis," stated Mr. Okeson. "I'm proud of what we've accomplished by working with members of both parties and by listening to what's on the minds of people who work and live in Marion County. I am honored to continue my service to Mayor Ballard at the CIB."

During his time as Corporation Counsel, Mr. Cotterill spearheaded the adoption of tough new ethics rules and oversaw the training of all city and county officials, appointees, and employees. He and his team cleared hundreds of backlogged equal opportunity cases stretching back to 2002, cleared a backlog of hundreds of cases in the office of city prosecutor from 2007, cut millions in outside counsel costs, and spearheaded the mayor's government reform efforts in the General Assembly.

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“Mayor Ballard’s leadership has achieved much for our great city,” stated Mr. Cotterill. “I’m honored that he has asked me to serve as his chief of staff, and am excited to work in this new role to continue the progress Indianapolis has made over the past two years.”

Mayor Ballard also announced Samantha Karn, Chief Deputy Corporation Counsel, will be promoted to Corporation Counsel, and that Jonathan Mayes will be the new Chief Deputy Corporation Counsel, while retaining his current portfolio as Chief Litigation Counsel.

In other appointments, Mayor Ballard announced his new appointments to the Capital Improvement Board. As part of the Mayor’s effort to help the CIB stabilize its financial position, state law requires the appointments to the board be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition to Mr. Okeson, those appointments are:

- Jim Dora, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, General Hotels Corporation
- Ann Lathrop, Sales Executive for Public Sector Services Group at Crowe Horwath
- Carolene Mays, Publisher of the *Indianapolis Recorder*
- Jay Potesta, Business Manager of Sheet Metal Workers’, Local Union No. 20
- David Shane, Vice President & Corporate Counsel of LDI, Ltd.

The Governor and the Marion County Board of Commissioners will also make appointments to the Capital Improvement Board prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

“I want to thank Bob Grand, outgoing Chairman, and all of the rest of the members of the CIB for their service during this challenging time,” said Mayor Ballard. “The financial challenges posed by the new stadium required steadfast leadership and Bob and the members delivered. Thankfully, Anne Lathrop will continue on the board, and I am very pleased to ask the Board to elect her chairman of the board when it convenes in January.”

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### **Biographies of Chris Cotterill, Samantha Karn and Mayoral Appointees to the Capital Improvement Board**

- **Chris Cotterill, incoming Chief of Staff**
  - While serving as corporation counsel Chris and his team reduced outside counsel costs while diversifying the number of firms in Indianapolis who work for the City. Chris also oversaw the transformation of the Office of Equal Opportunity.
  - This year, Chris was recognized as one of the *Indianapolis Business Journal's* “40 Under 40” 2009. Chris received his undergraduate degree from Wabash College where he served as both editor of the student newspaper and president of the student body. He received his law degree from Indiana University, Bloomington where he was elected editor of the law journal.
- **Samantha Karn, incoming Corporation Counsel**
  - Sam currently serves as Chief Deputy Corporation Counsel.
  - She received her undergraduate degree in Comparative Literature from Indiana University and her law degree from Indiana University, Bloomington.
  - She is a graduate of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series.
- **David N. Shane**

- David serves as President, CEO and board member of LDI, managing the daily operations of the holding company and working with the leaders of the operating companies.
  - David joined LDI in 1997 as Vice President and Corporate Counsel, bringing more than 20 years of experience in the legal field and a strong commitment to the city of Indianapolis.
  - A graduate of Wabash College in 1970 and Duke University School of Law in 1975.
  - In addition to his membership on the Indiana State Board of Education, he serves on the board of the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, as a trustee of Wabash College, on the Board of Advisors for the Center of Inquiry and Liberal Arts, the TechPoint Foundation, and education committees for both the Indiana and the Indianapolis Chambers of Commerce.
- **James E. Dora, Jr.**
    - A graduate of Purdue University, Jim oversees the General Hotels Corporation's overall operation as President and CEO.
    - Along with managing capital construction projects, Jim is actively involved in InterContinental Hotels and Resort's International Association of Holiday Inn owner's organization and serves in numerous volunteer capacities within the Indianapolis community.
- **Ann Lathrop**
    - Ann Lathrop serves as the Sales Executive for Public Sector Services Group of Crowe Chizek, a public accounting and consulting firm.
    - Prior to joining Crowe Chizek, Ann held positions with Affiliated Computer Systems, Vice President Marketing and Business Development; IPALCO, Assistant Account Executive; City of Indianapolis, City Controller.
    - Ann graduated from San Diego State University with a bachelor of science, business administration-accounting.
    - Ann has been on the Capital Improvement Board since 2007.
- **Carolene Mays**
    - Carolene Mays is Publisher and President of the nation's fourth oldest-surviving African-American newspaper, the *Indianapolis Recorder*.
    - Carolene served three terms as State Representative representing District 94 in Indianapolis.
    - Holding a BS in Business Management and Marketing, Carolene quickly earned leadership roles in business. At Mays Chemical Company, she was Manager of Customer Service and National Accounts; and at Occidental Chemical Company she held various positions in sales and corporate account management throughout the country.
    - She will again serve as Chairperson for the NCAA Women's Final Four in 2011 and has been named to the 2012 NFL Super Bowl Host Committee as a Division Chairperson.
- **Paul Okeson**
    - Paul is a graduate of Indiana University, Ft. Wayne.

- He formerly served as Chief of Staff to Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita and Chief of Staff to Mayor Gregory A. Ballard.
- Paul serves on the 2012 NFL Super Bowl Host Committee.
- **Jay K. Potesta**
  - Jay is the Business Manager, Financial Secretary for Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 20.
  - He has a B.A. in Music Education and Education from Vandercrook College, and an A.S. in Labor Studies from Indiana University.
  - He has served on the Capital Improvement Board since October 2000.